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(C) The Ambassador and DCM have separately engaged (respectively) FM Moratinos and MFA Political Director Rafael Dezcallar on this issue, stressing the importance of staying focused on Iran's continued uranium enrichment and ballistic missile programs and keeping up the unified international pressure. Moratinos noted Spain had made no public comment on the NIE and agreed it was important to keep the pressure on Iran. Dezcallar also appreciated Administration views and agreed Iran remained a danger to peace and stability. He understood that the NIE results did not change U.S. policy on Iran and noted that the international community needed to continue to work for additional international sanctions. AGUIRRE